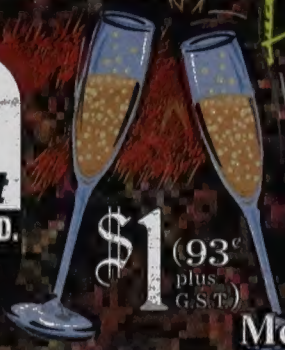


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Budget boost for HHHS

Santa stopped by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services just before Christmas and helped ease pressure on the organization's budget. Announcements from the Ministry of Health helped make it a brighter holiday season in three areas.

The provincial government has announced that \$162,670 will be added to the health services board's \$2,611,000 annual base budget. (HHHS also draws revenue of \$736,000 from other sources for a total operating budget this year of \$3,348,000.) The infusion of money was part of a province-wide announcement made December 23 which will see \$196 million distributed to hospitals throughout the province.

While HHHS has been able to operate close to a balanced budget during this year, several members of the board have noted that HHHS has been underfunded. The Health Services Restructuring Commission report, issued last year, stated that the base budget for the hospitals should be \$3,160,000, \$549,000 more than the amount the province was providing. As well, a study undertaken by the province and the Ontario Hospital Association identified HHHS as one of the most underfunded hospital services in the province.

HHHS executive director, Foster Loucks, was pleased with the announcement noting there were programs being implemented by the board where the funds could be used. "This money will help us address the new nursing position we have created to help ease the problem of ensuring we have a nurse on-call," Loucks said. Recently the board agreed to create another nursing position. The nurse is scheduled to work an eight hour shift and be on call for transfers or to assist in other ways for the remaining 16 hours in that day. The process would ensure that at least one additional nurse is available when needed.

"Another pressure point," Loucks said, "is the new cardiac markers diagnosis which is being used at the two emergency departments." The test is easy to administer and, according to Loucks, is an ideal tool in a rural hospital setting, but it is expensive. It is estimated that implementing it will cost \$40,000. The test reveals whether a patient has suffered a heart attack.

Loucks said the board is also struggling

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Y2-AOK

Whether it was a result of careful preparations or more hype than reality, the new year was welcomed throughout the area with no noticeable disruptions. Electrical services were uninterrupted, the phone system continued to operate, the fears of a system melt-down evaporated with the midnight celebrations.

The Ontario Provincial Police in Haliburton and Victoria Counties report nothing unusual during the transition to the new millennium. Other than dealing with a few over-enthusiastic revellers, the police had no Y2K issues to deal with. Detachments in both areas had extra officers on duty.

Likewise, municipalities reported nothing out of the ordinary. Township staff, including firemen, were on stand-by Friday evening and Saturday morning, but, except for a house fire in Minden, there was little for them to do.

New year's eve blaze levels Scotch Line home

A new year's eve fire has destroyed the retirement home of Brian and Lucy Gray. The house is located on Scotch Line Road, just west of Highway 35, north of Minden.

Firemen were called to the house at 7:30 p.m. after an alarm was turned in by a neighbour from across the street. They arrived on the scene to find the structure engulfed in flames. To augment supplies in their tanks, the firemen pumped water from a pond in front of next door neighbour Brian Hamilton's home, to fight the blaze.

According to Minden Fire Chief, the fire appeared to have started in the attached garage area and swept into the house. The firefighters were called back to the scene later in the night to extinguish a flare-up within the charred remains of the structure.

There was no one home at the time

of the fire. According to the chief, the couple had left several hours earlier to attend a New Year's Eve celebration in Toronto. Lucy Gray is Nancy Garbutt's sister. According to her husband, Jim Garbutt, while the couple lived in the city, they had plans to retire to the home later this year. He said the wood stove in the structure was not in use.

"It appears to have been just one of those things that happens," Garbutt said. "Fortunately nobody was hurt."

Members of the Minden Fire department were scheduled to be on call later that evening in anticipation of potential Y2K problems. Chief Bill Hogg said no one was injured fighting the blaze. No estimate of the damage was available.

The chief planned to return to the house Saturday morning in an attempt to determine the cause of the fire.

BEECH LAKE BLAZE:

Firefighter Tony Aymong signals for water as Captain Nigel Atkinson advances on a Beech Lake fire that consumed four generations of memories on December 27.

(Photo and article by Carol Moffatt)



Fire destroys Stanhope cottage

Fire swept through a Beech Lake cottage last week, destroying four generations of memories and leaving a young family in shock.

David Bergshoeff, 35, had gone ahead to the family's Redner Lane cottage on Boxing Day to prepare for his wife and two daughters, aged five and two. The lifelong cottager went through his usual routine of "opening up" and went to bed, in anticipation of his family's arrival the next morning.

"I got up, had a coffee and went to the lake to clear the skating rink. I didn't even have breakfast," he said.

While working on the rink Bergshoeff heard what he described as "a loud cracking noise" which

made him look toward the cottage.

"I looked up and there was all this smoke and flames at the back porch," he said. Bergshoeff said he tried to enter the cottage through sliding doors at the other end of the building but was driven back by flames rolling across the living room ceiling.

"I ran to the neighbours to call the fire department but all I could think of was 911. Thank god they have the fire department number right above the phone," he said.

Stanhope firefighters stopped the blaze from consuming the entire 50-year-old wood frame structure, but smoke damage was severe and the cottage was called "a write-off".

The cottage, built by Bergshoeff's

grandparents in the 1940s, was filled with mementos, photos, and family antiques, most of which have been ruined.

"At least my family's safe. Thank god they weren't here," said Bergshoeff, who said he has mentally traced his steps over and over in an attempt to determine the cause of the fire.

Stanhope Fire Chief John Hogg determined exactly where the fire began, but despite a thorough investigation, was unable to determine the cause of the blaze.

Bergshoeff had working smoke detectors in the cottage; he was too far from the building to hear them.

Lions' share

The Minden Lions Club has increased its commitment to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation capital works fund raising campaign. Club representatives made the donation to the Foundation just after Christmas at Hyland Crest. This brings the club's total to \$125,000. The club is committed to raise another \$25,000. On hand when the cheque

were, from the left, Campaign chair Don Popple, vice chair Dave Gray, Foundation treasurer Joanne Camelon, Lions Club vice president Al Thompson, Foundation managing director Dale Walker, Lions Club President Scott Moore and Foundation president Gord Monk.



New year's eve party cancellation leaves celebrants without millennium party

Revellers in the Minden area were left scrambling for a location to celebrate New Year's eve after the dance scheduled for the Minden Community Centre was cancelled.

Paul Wilson, of P & W Disc Jockey Services, who organized the new year's eve party, announced the cancellation on the morning of December 30.

"We just didn't sell enough tickets," Paula Wilson, wife of Paul Wilson said Thursday. "The sales were not high enough to cover the evening." She said that just 58 tickets had been sold for the dance.

The heavily advertised event included a disc jockey, a buffet, party favours and a draw for a \$2000 cash prize.

According to Paula Wilson, a disc jockey working for Paul Wilson cancelled his new year's eve contract and the company found itself short one performer for new year's eve. That reason was also offered for the cancellation.

Wilson also complained about the hassles the municipality, owner of the Community Centre, had put the company through in attempting to organize the dance. The township objected to an early advertisement offering a \$2000 cash lottery prize. That aspect of the promotion was elimi-

nated from further advertising.

Subsequently, the municipality requested that Wilson pay the entire

rent prior to the event. He objected, noting that the contract did not call for an advance payment.

Wilson had already

paid a deposit for the hall. The outstanding amount was \$380.

Reeve Jeanne Anthon

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HHHS budget, ER and diabetes program benefit from Ministry of Health announcements

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gling to meet the cost of the contract settlement of support workers represented by CUPE and SIEU unions. According to Loucks, the settlements have been larger than expected and made budgeting difficult, so the additional income will be helpful.

While he was pleased HHHS had received the funding, Loucks said, "We are not out of the woods yet." He pointed out there are always pressures on the hospital operating budget with the introduction of new programs and greater expectations of the public. Saying he is expecting the operating budget will need an additional infusion of money next year, the executive director added that the latest increase from the province will help to place HHHS on a firmer financial footing.

According to the Ministry of Health announce-

ment, the money is to be used for "...frontline patient care, and to assist hospitals with transitional issues..." as a result of the restructuring process. "The new funding will ensure that hospitals can continue to meet the health care needs of the province's growing and aging population," the government announcement said.

Hospitals throughout the region also received additional funding including: Ross Memorial in Lindsay, \$677,619; Peterborough Health Centre, \$1,890,993; St. Joseph's in Peterborough, \$98,625; Campbellford Memorial \$98,138; and Coburg Northumberland Health Centre, \$122,459.

ER support

In addition to the boost to the hospital's budget, HHHS was informed that it had been added to the list

of communities in which additional funds will be available to help maintain 24 hour service at the emergency departments in Minden and Haliburton. The two emergency departments were among 58 across the province identified for the program.

Under the program, Loucks anticipates that doctors who staff the emergency departments will now receive an esti-

mated \$100 per hour. "It is definitely good news for our hospitals," Loucks said. Earlier last year the provincial government had announced increases in emergency department funding for 27 hospitals in the province. HHHS was not on the previous list.

"We were concerned that the improved funding at other small hospitals, many of which were located in nearby communities, would make it difficult to attract doctors to our emergency departments, particularly in Minden," Loucks commented. He said equalizing the payment formula at smaller hospitals would make it a level playing field.

The announcement from the province stated that the \$90 million will be available for emergency rooms in the 85 hospitals in Ontario with less than 35,000 visits per year.

Diabetes program

Finally, HHHS received word that the diabetes education program which it sponsors would receive an infusion of \$38,000 to help clear the backlog of patients awaiting the service.

The diabetes education program currently operates on a part-time basis offering counselling and education to diabetes sufferers and their families. The money, which is equal to the program's annual budget of \$38,000 is being provided on a short-term basis to clear the waiting list between now and the end of March.

"This will give us a chance to put on a blitz to clear those waiting to get into the program," Loucks said. He suggested it might also be the base on which an expanded program could be built in the future.

Promoter threatens to sue municipality

New year's party cancelled

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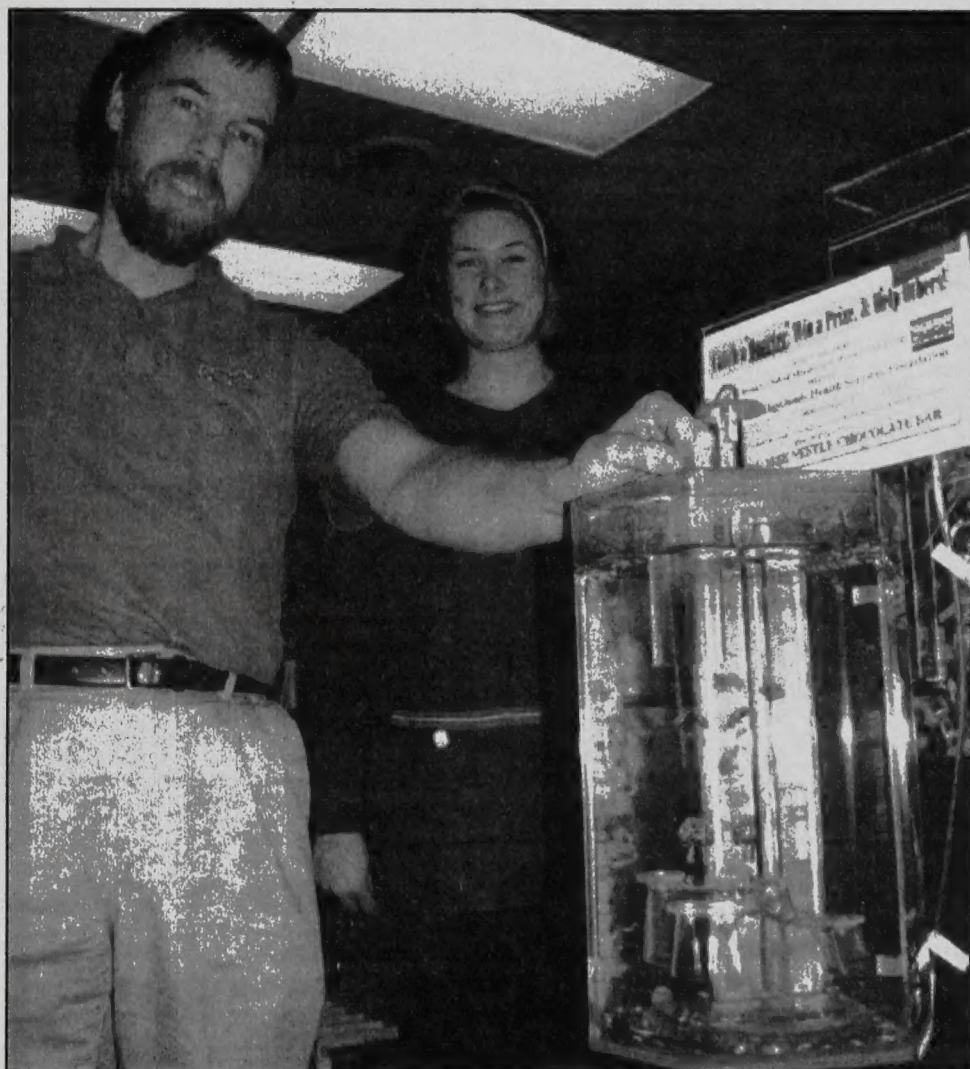
explained that while the contract does only stipulate a deposit is required, in special circumstances, the municipality has asked for the full rent to be paid in advance of the rental date. Anthon would not elaborate on what those special circumstances might entail.

Wilson said he was prepared to cancel the dance and take the municipality to court over the demand. Shortly before Christmas, the township withdrew the request. At that time Wilson said the dance was still on and told *The Times* that he had sold close to 200

tickets. Contacted after Christmas, the estimate of the number of tickets dropped to 125.

When asked about the discrepancy in the reported number of tickets sold, Paula Wilson offered no explanation. She said that an effort will be made to contact all ticket holders and refund their money. She also said that any debts that had been incurred leading up to the dance would be paid.

However, for those who had planned to ring in the start of the new millennium at the Community Centre in Minden, the refund was scant compensation for the missed celebration.



JUST A DROP IN THE BUCKET: As staff member Jess Belcher looks on, Minden IDA owner Paul Heffer prepares to drop a coin in the 'Aqua Skill' game, placed in his store by Minden Rotary. The coins collected in the game are donated to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Heffer also donated the prizes which are given out to successful players. So far the game has netted \$362 for the Foundation.

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Busy time ahead as northern Victoria committee attempts to forge amalgamation

The new year will start with a pile of work for members of the Bexley, Somerville, Laxton, Digby and Longford restructuring committee. The members, realizing the enormous task before them, have decided to ask for the public's help to get a sense of what residents and ratepayers would like to see in the proposed amalgamated municipality.

At a committee meeting held in Norland on December 23, the group began to iron out some of the working details, such as remuneration. Also on the table were nuts and bolts issues such as the structure of the future council, voting wards and the provision of services.

Public representation and input from the concerned communities will be an important part of the amalgamation process, according to committee members. A series of meetings in all three municipalities has been scheduled for January 8. The first will be at the Lions' Hall in Coboconk at 9:30 a.m., then at the Norland Community Centre at 1 p.m. followed by the Burnt River Somerville Centre at 4 p.m. "You want to expose the public in this as much as possible, so they can have their say," said Chair of the committee Gary Laplante. The agenda of these meetings will include a general overview of the situation, the urgency of the matter and suggestions from the public.

Members of the general public are still being sought in both LDL and Bexley Townships to join the committee. Advertisements have been placed to attract volunteers. Somerville Township volunteer is resident Jim Hopkins.

Other members of the committee include Somerville Reeve Dianne Austin, Deputy Reeve Jack McDonald, Bexley Reeve Fred Brecht and Gary Laplante, as well as Laxton, Digby and Longford

Reeve John Macklem and Councillor Peter White. Currently the committee is using a Somerville Township staff member for secretarial services, but it is expected that the task will require someone almost full-time.

The committee has already agreed on the council and ward structure. It endorsed a resolution to support a council consisting of a reeve and deputy reeve, elected at large to represent the entire area, as well as

Northern Victoria Amalgamation meetings scheduled for January 8:

9:30 a.m.--Lions' Hall, Coboconk
1 p.m.--Norland Community Centre
4 p.m.--Somerville Centre, Burnt River

three councillors, one representing each ward.

Somerville Deputy Reeve Jack McDonald felt that the ward system would represent the population more accurately. It was noted by other members of the committee that Somerville Township holds the largest population of the municipalities. LDL Reeve John Macklem suggested that the wards did not have to follow existing township lines. Buller Road could be used as a boundary so the wards could have a more equal number of voters.

In a recorded vote, all six current members endorsed a ward system in which each councillor will represent approximately one third of the voters in the new municipality.

Although local residents of the affected townships may have knowledge of the plans for the three municipalities, the committee is concerned that there are various other stakeholders who will have to be in-

formed. Members agreed, at the meeting, that the timing is unfortunate for the many seasonal residents who may want to have their say, but the committee will try to accommodate these people by holding their public sessions on a Saturday, as well as contacting the various cottage and lake associations in the area. John Macklem also requested that representatives of the Longford Reserve be notified.

The committee is aware it will be working under unusual circumstances. A commissioner has been appointed for Victoria County to deal with the restructuring issue, and it is unknown at this time, whether the commissioner will respect the work of those municipalities which have proceeded with their own amalgamation plans. In addition to the Bexley, Somerville and Laxton, Digby and Longford talks, Carden and Dalton Townships, to the north, have agreed to join, as have Verulam Township and the Village of Bobcaygeon. These latter proposals have already been brought to County Council and approved.

Each municipality in Victoria County has been granted an appointment with the commissioner and Gary Laplante was concerned that the sentiment of the councils in these meetings may not coincide with the work of the restructuring committee. There are members of each council who are not in favour of the committee, and Laplante fears this may not bode well for their amalgamation hopes. "I don't want any forked tongue approach," he said. "Solidarity is of key importance here or we are wasting our time."

All committee meetings are open to the public. There is a meeting scheduled for January 7, prior to the public input meetings held at 1 p.m. at the Bexley municipal office.

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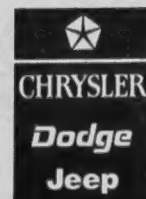
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Fresh tracks

Editorial

A new year, a clean slate.

While we like to think the turning of the calendar gives us a fresh path on which to tread, in fact there is a lot of baggage that is securely attached and will colour whatever vision we create at the start of a new year. That, of course, doesn't mean that we shouldn't bring a fresh outlook and sense of optimism to the year about to unfold. In fact, some of that so-called baggage will be valuable as we chart our way into the year 2000 and a new millennium.

So what exactly is in those bags and how can the contents be of assistance? The lesson that appears most crucial and as yet unlearned completely is that we cannot continue to foul our nest and expect it to pro-

vide a safe home and shelter for ourselves and the generations to come. The protection of the environment, the community of services provided without cost by mother earth, must be our top priority. Without the life-giving forces it provides we will be reduced to little more than rats scurrying around in a slag heap sucking what little sustenance we can from an ever-decreasing and decaying home.

We must re-dedicate our efforts to be our brother's keeper. The world is awash with individuals who need the help of their fellow inhabitants of this orb. Some live next door, others continents away. Having an impact on the lives of all who need assistance is impossible, but reaching out and helping one or

two, wherever they may be, is within the grasp of everyone.

Dream, but do not forget the past. Dreams will give you the impetus to create a better world. The past will provide the lessons on which to shape those dreams.

Enjoy yourself. Life is too brief and fleeting to let it slip by untasted. Try something new and daring, step out of character, climb a taller mountain, discover a new part of the world around you and share yourself with others. Don't allow convention and routine to rule. Innovate.

Enjoy.

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Letters

Thank you Dr. Bennett

Editor:

Having recently moved from Toronto to a small town, we are still adjusting to the new culture — particularly the friendliness of everyone we meet.

This last week we have spent in Minden, staying with our friend Angel O'Neill. Through her, we met another very special person - Dr. Peter Bennett.

Dr. Bennett removed a tumor from under our cat's tongue on December 23. On Christmas Eve, we were able to take him home again, after very willingly paying the clinic bill, which was quite reasonable compared to our big city experience. Once home, we found our cat couldn't drink or eat, and on Christmas morning we called Dr. Bennett's answering service. He immediately called back, and within half an hour we had the cat back into his clinic. The cat stayed for Christmas Day and Boxing Day (the only "patient" in the clinic), while Dr. Bennett gave him medication

and fluids, and most importantly coaxed him into drinking and eating again. All of this during his time off, with no staff around to help him. When we drove to the clinic on December 27, to pick up our cat, Dr. Bennett told us there was no bill for these two days of personalized care and attention.

We know Dr. Bennett saved our cat's life, as there aren't a lot of options for a 17 year-old cat that can't drink. We also know that Dr. Bennett spent his holiday time coaxing our cat to swallow again. And we know that Dr. Bennett wouldn't accept payment for his special efforts. This would have never have happened in Toronto!

Thank you Dr. Bennett. We're sure the residents of Minden already know how special you are, but it was a wonderful Christmas present for us.

Catherine and Declan Lane
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No Scrooge here!

Editor:

In response to Janet Clow's letter to the editor in the December 27 issue of *The Times*:

I have been working at Dollo's IGA in Minden for just over three years now and not only do we receive a Christmas bonus, but we actually receive a bonus several times each year. So to the Dollo's I say a very sincere "Thank You" and to Janet Clow I say, I know at least one employer who does recognize their employee's efforts — maybe there are others that I don't know about, but I do know at least one who does!

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Editor:

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by Senator Colin Kenny

Canadians are much smarter and more compassionate than Americans about health care, right? Except that the Yanks are kicking our butts in the fight against tobacco addiction.

I went to Massachusetts not long ago to brag about Canada's prowess in this area. Who doesn't like to brag about Canada, especially on American turf? As a delegate to the New England and Eastern Canada Tobacco Control Conference, I had a chance to crow a bit, about Canadian anti-tobacco activities in general and provincial and municipal activities in particular.

Some provinces - like Ontario and British Columbia - have put impressive amounts of cash and energy into fighting tobacco addiction. The Ontario government has promised \$10 million in funding for the Ontario Tobacco Strategy. In Canada's most populous province that amounts to less than a buck a person and while that still isn't enough, the province is on the right track. I think we should also celebrate the fact that several cities in the province are moving toward smoke-free restaurants and bars in the new millennium.

As for my own government in Ottawa, it is unacceptable that the smoking rate among young Canadians has soared to 30 per cent while the federal government is spending only one thin loonie on tobacco

prevention for every thousand bucks it sucks in every years in tobacco taxes.

That isn't to say that the federal government hasn't done a few things right in this area. I was, therefore, pleased to be able to cite examples. The federal government imposed meaningful taxes on tobacco products during the '80's and early '90's when American governments refused to take that route. Admittedly, it backed off its tax policy in 1994 because of smuggling. But at least I could tell my fellow delegates that at one point, we Canadians had the guts to

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No island is an island

Sometimes it's odd, living on an island. You forget that your options are circumscribed by a moat.

That you can't drive to Winnipeg or Kamloops or Yellowknife. Not without getting your feet wet.

My island isn't THAT extreme. There's a regular (well, pretty regular) ferry service. There's a bush plane on floats that I can catch at least once a day.

And in a pinch I can always try sweet-talking a shrimper or a crabber into giving me a lift.

The island that I chose nestles in the Strait of Georgia, just a few miles from Vancouver, Victoria and the US border. I played it safe. Other people look for islands as far away from the rest of terra firma as they can get. Gaugin chose Tahiti. The mutineers from *The Bounty* opted for a gaggle of godforsaken rocks that would become Pitcairn Island.

Many of our predecessors decided Newfoundland looked like a good place to be. Others fetched up on Prince Edward and Vancouver Islands.

Could have done a lot worse. They

could have chosen Tuvalu.

Tropical paradise, Tuvalu. An archipelago of coral atolls that sits in the Western Pacific, just to the northwest of Fiji. Tuvalu is home to 10,000 souls who live an Edenic life on a diet of fish, home grown veggies and tropical fruit. Tuvaluans are utterly unruffled by the pollution, the wars, the overcrowding and all the other turn of the Millennium crapola that you and I deal with as a matter of course.

Only one problem with the perfect paradise that is Tuvalu - it's disappearing.

You see, you'd never get an altitude nosebleed on the atolls of Tuvalu. It sits, on average, a mere 91 centimetres above the Pacific Ocean.

Ninety-one centimetres. About the height of a decent pair of hip waders. Experts expect the sea level to rise by anywhere from 50 to 100 centimetres over the next century. If the advance hype about global warming and glacial melting is even close to accurate, Tuvalu is doomed.

Already the sea is insinuating salty fingers into Tuvalu daily life. For-

merly sweet and potable ground water has turned brackish, sour and toxic. The root crops on which the population depends are beginning to die.

Effectively, Tuvalu is drowning. And it seems there's not much anyone can do about it.

The irony is we've been this way before - if an observer as illustrious as Plato is to be believed.

Twenty-four hundred years ago, the Greek philosopher wrote of a huge and fabulous city/state he called Atlantis. Plato said the people of Atlantis were so advanced as to be godlike. He swore the very walls of the city were plated in gold, silver and bronze.

Atlantis, alas, vanished. Swallowed up by the sea, the legends say. Apparently that's how it is with many islands - they come and they go.

I know somebody's going to write and say "Idiot - Plato didn't describe Atlantis as an island - he said it was a continent.

True. But what's a continent, if not an uncommonly large island.

Atlantis. Tuvalu. Australia. North America.

Next?

Americans leading the way in butting out: senator says

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impose taxes that they wouldn't, in a damned good cause.

But that was then, and now is now. Cigarette prices in the United States are now higher than ours. While we were lowering our taxes, American states were suing tobacco companies in court to recover health care costs.

So the tobacco companies coughed up billions of dollars in settlements. In some states, governments are actually using resulting windfalls to mount meaningful anti-smoking campaigns. They recognize that with the stakes so high - the future of our young people's lungs - you have to bring enough money to the table to play with.

Anti-tobacco efforts demand the same kind of effort as tobacco companies put into their marketing. Either you go full-tilt against tobacco addiction, or you might as well keep your money in your pockets.

In California, where they've ponied up enough tobacco tax money to mount a sustained and credible campaign, adult smoking is down 31 per cent and the youth smoking rate is 11 per cent. That certainly doesn't spell victory, but at least youth smoking has leveled off in California. The smoking rate is three times higher in Canada. That's out of control.

The Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta is

known as one of the most scrupulous and credible institutions within the international health community. Its analysis shows that, depending on the size of the jurisdiction, we need per-capita spending between \$9 and \$24 to counter-act tobacco company marketing in a meaningful way.

Vermont has plans in the works to spend \$33 per capita a year. My best guess is that \$12 per capita in Canada would allow us to stop diddling around and fight a real fight. Right now the federal government is spending about 65¢ per Canadian on its anti-smoking efforts. That might ease some politicians' consciences. But it isn't going to make inroads in fighting Canada's Number one preventable disease - tobacco addiction kills 45,000 Canadians a year.

Higher taxes discourage kids from smoking and provide the resources to set up an independent institution - free from political meddling. The recent tax increase of \$1.20 does neither.

I learned on my trip to Massachusetts what I for the most part knew - this is one health care issue where we look to Americans like we don't care much. That is unacceptable. The hearts and lungs of our young people constitute a big part of Canada's future. Are the futures of American kids worth so much more?

58 accidents investigated Winter weather catches drivers unprepared

The following list of occurrences was compiled by the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police

The Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment has investigated a large number of motor vehicle collisions in the county. Between December 15 and 31, there were a total of 58 vehicle collisions reported.

Of these collisions, 21 involved personal injury, and 36 involved property or vehicle damage only. Also one fatal collision on Highway 118, near West Guilford, left three men dead and one seriously injured.

Three drivers were charged with alcohol related offense following traffic accidents.

Police remind drivers that while Haliburton County is known for its scenic beauty, its hills and winding roads can become dangerous when weather conditions change. Motorists are asked to be careful driving this winter. There are several more months in which we must be aware of winter road conditions.

Always adjust your speed according to the conditions and leave lots of time to get to your destination.

Break, enter and thefts

On December 23, OPP investigated a break-in on Echo Bay Road in Stanhope Township. A resident checking the cottage noted that the door was open and a window had been broken. No

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Sports

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Wilkes rink wins J.O. Jackson Bonspiel

First place in the annual J.O. Jackson Memorial Curling Bonspiel December 29 at the Minden Curling Club was won by the rink skipped by Ted Wilkes.

The Wilkes team included vice Dave McKay, second Jack Taylor and lead Todd Grainger.

Second place overall went to the team of Mike Whitmarsh (skip), vice Don Blakey, second Tim Verrier and lead Larry Moynes.

The third place team included skip Gord Wood, vice Ian Cavanagh, second Francois Forest and lead Doug

Brown.

The Ross Bryant rink placed fifth overall. His team included vice Ross Petch, second Dave Hartwick and lead Mike Jackson.

The sixth prize was won by the Haliburton rink skipped by Dale

Robinson. His team included vice Jim Bradley, second Geoff Ainsley and lead Wayne DeJong.

Sixteen teams from Minden, Haliburton, Wilberforce, Bracebridge and Mississauga competed for top honours in the bonspiel.

Wolves tied for 1st

Peterborough and the Central Ontario Wolves AAA Midgets met in Petes territory recently for the second time this season. It was a close contest, which resulted in a 2-2 tie.

Minden area Wolves Josh Shaw and Gary Kernohan contributed to the cause, with Shaw assisting on the first goal and Kernohan helping to set up the second marker.

Two nights later, a game against Whitby, on Wolves' home ice, turned out to be a penalty-filled contest. The Wolves had just over two lines of skaters, but showing the depth the team possesses, the Wolves skated to a 5-3 win.

Jarett Rowden notched the third goal for the Wolves, with Adam Clarkson picking up an assist on the opening marker and Kernohan assisting on the fourth goal.

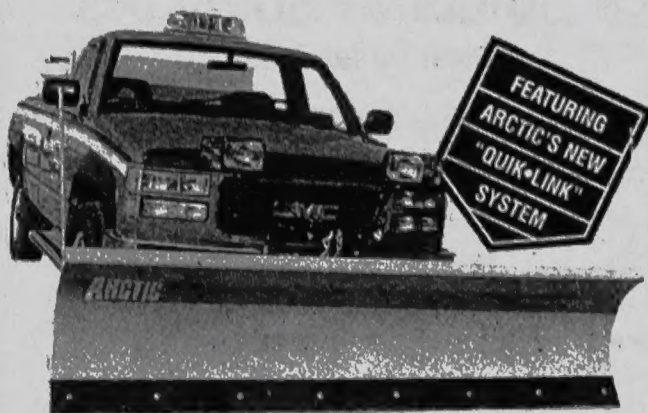
The Central Ontario Wolves Midget team remains undefeated since the middle of November. A win over Richmond Hill, the number one team in the league, was a big morale booster.

The Wolves have earned a three-way tie for first place in the Eastern Division with Peterborough and Oshawa.



TOP TEAM: The rink skipped by Ted Wilkes took top honours in the annual J.O. Jackson Memorial Curling Bonspiel at the Minden Curling Club on December 29. On hand to present the plaque and trophies were the late J.O. Jackson's wife Jean, son Mike and daughter Judy Findeis. Seen above are, left to right: Winning team skip Ted Wilkes, Judy Findeis, vice Dave McKay, Mike Jackson, Jean Jackson, second Jack Taylor and lead Todd Grainger.

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Christmas village in miniature

The houses are decorated.

The lights are all aglitter on the Christmas trees and the nativity scene is on display at the local church.

The ski hill is busy with youngsters, as are the outdoor skating rinks.

Carolers are singing their hearts out beneath the downtown Christmas Tree and the train is about to leave the station.

This bucolic scene may sound like a Christmas celebration in the Alps or a hometown holiday, but it is in fact a village few have visited. Only those who call at the house of Nelcia Pavao and Gord King in Moore Falls have wandered its streets. The village, in fact, occupies 60 square feet in the couple's dining room.

For the past three years, Nelcia has nurtured her miniature Christmas village. Starting with a few buildings and grand ideas, she has watched it grow to its current size. The village contains dozens of houses, stores, churches, buildings, characters, animals and much more. Virtually everything in the village has been hand-molded or painted down to the last detail. The layout includes: 24 street lights; two churches; 38 houses; 285 trees; two ponds; three skating rinks; and two railways (one has been decommissioned). And, if you take the time to count them all, you'll find the village has a population of 214. A mountain range provides a backdrop for the village, and from the distant peaks, waterfalls spill down the incline. One of the waterfalls is painted, the other has water bubbling through the rill.

"I'm astounded by the whole thing," says Gord King as he surveys the intricate construction. Gord helps set up the display, but leaves the creative work to Pavao.

The tableau is intriguing and captivating. A person could spend hours just searching through the intricate pathways of the village, looking at the fine detailing of each building and figure. From the spire of the largest church, which was a gift from a neigh-

bour, to the pupil of a tiny blue jay, no bigger than the head of a thumbtack, it is obvious that a lot of time and love has gone into this project.

A few lucky friends and family members were treated to an open house before the Christmas holidays, and many were amazed to find the tiny town had grown since last year.

Not that this is the only holiday feature of their home. The 14 foot Christmas tree is laden with hand-made decorations, also created by Nelcia. A huge wreath adorns the front of their home, signalling to passersby, that this is the home of some real Christmas Spirit.

King noted that there are already some plans for next year's project, although, most of the real estate has been used up in the dining room, so alternate arrangement may have to be made. There is a possibility of a multilevel system, but this plan is still on the drawing board. The village is displayed for a few weeks each Christmas, then after a couple of days of careful disassembly and packing, the pieces go into their closet in the basement, until the snow begins to fall once again in Lutterworth, and the Christmas village is once again open for business.

(See photographs on page 11 to get a glimpse of the Christmas village.)



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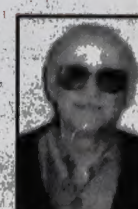
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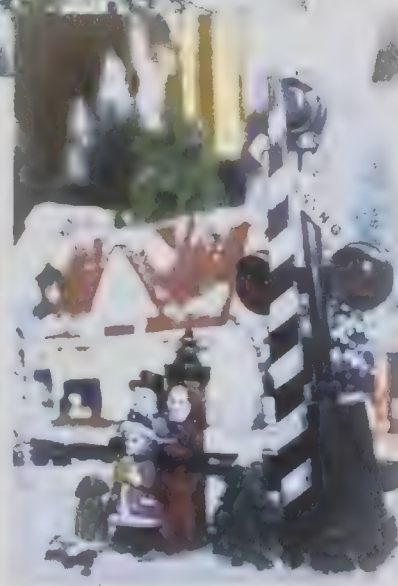
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It takes two full days to set up this tiny town, in the dining room of Nelcia Pavao and Gord King. Most of the pieces have been hand crafted, leaving intricate detailing in each tree, bird and smiling face. **Above:** A church that was donated to the project by neighbours was repainted to perfection. **Top Right:** Gord King makes sure that each piece is in place. **Right:** The train is always on time in this town, making stops at all the major attractions. **Far Right:** Carolers make merry while waiting for the train.



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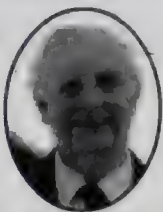
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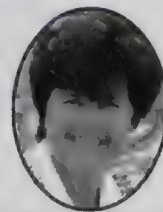
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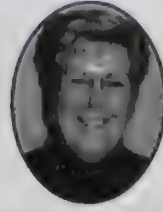
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Tri-County Atoms win three consecutive games

by Donna Fry

The Minden Tri-County Atom Monarchs hosted the Cannington 2 Atoms recently.

Billy Kulas opened the scoring less than a minute into the game on a hard shot from the point. Derek Nesbitt picked up the assist. Moments later, the Cannington goalie got lucky when Kyle Fry's shot rang off the cross bar and bounced wide.

Cannington put the pressure on, but Mike Toye handled the shots and Kelly Muir was quick to clear any rebounds. With 12 seconds left in the first, Fry passed the puck up to Jake Ruddy, who used his backhand to beat the goalie, putting Minden ahead 2-0.

Half way through the second period, Derek Nesbitt picked up the puck in the Minden end, took it down the ice alone and scored on the breakaway.

Mike Toye made several good saves, including one right at the buzzer to end the period.

In the third, Jason Loughheed was stopped on a couple of good scoring chances. Then, Kulas fired a boomer from the point, Fry and Zach Pierson picked up the rebounds, but it was Ruddy who finally found the mark for his second of the game, putting Minden ahead 4-0.

Stephen Roome worked hard in front of the net to

clear out the Cannington attackers.

During a faceoff in the Cannington end, Fry sent the puck straight back to Nesbitt, who one-timed it over the goalie's head, giving Minden its fifth of the game.

Cannington wasn't didn't give up, scoring two goals in the last two minutes. The final score was Minden 5, Cannington 2.

The following Monday night, the Minden Tri-County Atoms traveled to Cannington to meet the Cannington 1 team. Minden was short players, and everyone knew it would take an all-out effort to be victorious.

Minden won the game 8-2, and every skater on the team came away with at least one point. The defensive unit of Kelly Muir, Mackie Campbell and Billy Kulas are to be especially congratulated for their determination and effort. Mike Toye played a sharp game in net, denying all but two Cannington shots.

Derek Nesbitt and Zach Pierson each scored three goals and Kyle Fry notched a pair. The goals were set up by Mackie Campbell (3), Kelsey Pierson, Billy Kulas, Tyler Box (2), Jason Loughheed, Kelly Muir, Kyle Fry (3), and Zach Pierson (2).

The Monarchs traveled to Woodville on December 16 to take on a team that beat Minden in their first meeting this year. Jake Findeis made two beautiful

passes to create scoring opportunities for Jake Ruddy and Billy Kulas in the first, but the Woodville goalie was solid. Stephen Roome was sharp on the blue line for Minden, helping to create scoring chances.

Tyler Box wrestled along the boards for the puck in what was becoming a rough game. Minden took the first penalty, and Woodville was able to put it together in the last second of a power play, going ahead 1-0.

In the second, Mackie Campbell continued to have an outstanding game on defense, stopping the Woodville forwards repeatedly. Half way through the period, Steve Kerr's hard shot from the point tied the game. Zach Pierson assisted.

Mike Toye was unbeatable in net, playing his strongest game of the season.

In the first minute of the third, Derek Nesbitt put Minden ahead on a goal assisted by Jake Findeis and Steve Kerr.

With the Minden goalie down, Kelly Muir raced to clear a puck, which headed for the empty net late in the third, preserving Minden's one goal lead.

The Woodville coach pulled his goalie, and with 34 seconds left, Kyle Fry passed it up to Zach Pierson who nailed the empty netter for a final score of Minden 3, Woodville 1.



SECOND OVERALL: The team of Mike Whitmarsh (skip), Don Blakey (vice), Tim Verrier (second) and Larry Moynes (lead), left to right, placed second overall among the 16 teams in the J.O. Jackson Memorial Curling Bonspiel December 29 at the Minden Curling Club.

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Santa made a stop at the Minden Curling Club and watched the playoffs to see which seniors were being naughty and which were being nice.

Following are the winners for the first half:

The Monday Mixed League first place winners were Ross Davies, Dan Abel, Todd Grainger and Ross Fletcher.

Second place went to Doreen Spencley, Jack Taylor, Bill Trapp and Ron Clark.

Dave McAdam, Stan Farrell, Jim Burrows and Bruce Fisher were the members of the third place team.

The Wednesday Women's League first place winners were Katie Parker, Donna Neeley, Jan Heaven and Carla Fountain.

Libby Hurre, Jean Hewitt, Gayle McConnell and Barb Summerfeldt were the second place winners.

Third went to the team of Jean Hadley, Joan MacKenzie, Christine MacCartney and Gladys Marquardt.

The first place team in the Thursday Men's League included Dave McAdam, Ray Nobles, Ted Anthon and Wayne Jones.

Second place went to the foursome of Ted Wilkes, Tom MacCartney, David Ross and Glen Houghton.

Bill Milford, Dan Able, Dave Heaven and Ron Smith placed third.

Winners of the first draw of the Friday Mixed League included Jack Taylor, Donna Monk, Walter Braker and Blanche Carr.

Second place went to Tom MacCartney, Gladys Wyrth, Andy Bovin and Margaret Wood.

Bob Hurre, Flo Stanley, Nick Boekstyn and Pauline Plooard placed third.

The second draw winners were Ralph Newton, Teresa Carroll, Bob McConnell and Muriel McIntosh.

Second place went to the team of Gail Grainger, Charlie Hadley, Don Lowrey and Barb Summerfeldt.

Frank Codlin, Ruth Hamilton, Carla Fountain and Wayne Jones placed third.

Santa sends his thanks to all the Elves who helped to make everything so successful.



NAUGHTY OR NICE?: Senior curler Jack Taylor does his best to convince Santa that he hasn't been naughty.

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Tuesday Afternoon Seniors' League (December 21)

High average: Bob Bullen 191; Theresa Fox 168
High single: Bob Bullen 280; Theresa Fox 212
High single (handicap): Bob Bullen 308; Rose Connaughan 264
High triple: Bob Bullen 607; Theresa Fox 539
High triple (handicap): Bob Bullen 691; Theresa Fox 677

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League (December 23)

High average: Ray Lymer 198; Janice Hughes 166
High single: Addie Dykstra 241; Alice Smallwood 188
High single (handicap): Fred Lewis 292; Alice Smallwood 250
High triple: Ray Lymer 626; Grace Chapman 535
High triple (handicap): Fred Lewis 768; Alice Smallwood 705

Carnarvon Bowl Marie Thompson rolls 330 single

Thursday Afternoon Mixed League

High average: Ken Thompson 224; Josie Cheeseman 173
High single: Ross Henderson 244; Marlene Welch 230
High single (handicap): Vern Chilton 301; Riina Ennlist 277
High triple: Vern Chilton 609; Josie Cheeseman 576
High triple (handicap): Ross Henderson 780; Josie Cheeseman 702

Wednesday Afternoon Mixed League

High average: Ken Thompson 241; Marie Thompson 187
High single: Ken Thompson 281; Marie Thompson 330
High single (handicap): Dale Vipond 299; Marie Thompson 363
High triple: Ken Thompson 801; Marie Thompson 688
High triple (handicap): Ed McGrath 788; Marie Thompson 787

Thursday Night Mixed League (December 9)

High average: Scott Moore 230; Michelle Moore 213
High single: Kal Vanskiver 265; Marlene Robinson 237
High single (handicap): Kal Vanskiver 304; Marlene Robinson 273
High triple: Scott Moore 669; Marlene Robinson 594
High triple (handicap): Doug Reinwald 669; Marlene Robinson 702

Men's Match Play (December 13)

High average: Len Punt Sr. 230
High single: Addie Dykstra 301
High triple: Walt Stegmaier 763
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Popular children's entertainer featured in next Razzamataz concert

David Archibald, an acclaimed entertainer who has appeared on CBC's Mr. Dressup and written music for Sesame Street, is the featured performer this Sunday as the Razzamataz Kids Shows! series presents its second concert of the season.

Archibald is no stranger to the area. He has appeared in a number of venues in the county, including concerts at the Frost Centre, Minden's Music by the Gull summer entertainment series and in concerts at area school. He also has a cottage near Minden.

His special winter show entitled, The Great Bear of Winter, will be presented Sunday, January 9 at 2 p.m. at Wigamog Inn.

The energetic entertainer will serve as your singing and skating (on roller blades) musical guide on this action-packed, fun-filled musical journey through winter.

Everyone will be invited to join in the search for

the elusive Great Bear of Winter, the charming little character who understands the secret of the snowy season.

During the search, members of the audience help construct a giant snow fort filled with hidden creatures and lots of lights. They also get to sing along to winter songs like "The Great Bear of Winter," "Snuffles and Colds", "The Snowfleas' Dance", "On My Holiday", and more.

Somehow the searchers must discover the Great Bear's whereabouts, and he is never quite what you expect.

The presentation is sponsored jointly by Homestead Carpets, Easton's Valu-mart Minden, The Times and Wigamog Inn.

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Proven oral and written communications skills;

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Copies of the full position descriptions and the program service description can be picked up from Family Services of Haliburton County, in Haliburton, during regular business hours

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A lot of familiar faces joined us for our Thursday tea. It was prepared and served by the past auxiliary of Hyland Crest. We thank you all for the lovely tea. The following afternoon we were entertained by Bert Bonell and the gang. We look forward to having them back again real soon. On Sunday we were joined by Pastor Dan Millard from the Kinmount Baptist Church for chapel service.

On Monday of this week, we were joined by the Allsaw Pentecostal Singers. We certainly enjoyed having them back with us. This was followed by tea and goodies served by the group. Our chapel service was enjoyed all who attended. This was a communion service. We also enjoyed the singing of the Anglican Church choir. They sang some very special Christmas Carols.

In the afternoon we enjoyed a holiday trivia, discussing the different ways that people in other countries celebrate Christmas.

Wednesday morning we enjoyed our exercise programs with Linda and Nancy. In the afternoon we enjoyed a discussion group with Nancy. "Did you ever

snoop?" Many of us raised our hands admitting that we at one time snooped.

Today is a very special day at Hyland Crest. One of our couples is celebrating its 60th wedding anniversary....certainly a milestone. Congratulations from the residents and staff at Hyland Crest. This afternoon we will be joined by "Checkers" the Clown. We will have more to tell you about that next week.

On Friday we had a Christmas Eve celebration with the Grandfathers. We understand that we were joined by another special guest, "in red".

We want to wish everyone who makes our lives at Hyland Crest special a very Merry Christmas.

We had some unexpected visitors one evening this week. A group of children and adults came and sang a couple of carols. Thank you for thinking of us.

There have been many visitors over the past few weeks. We thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule. Things get pretty quiet around here after the New Year, so please come and spend a few minutes with us if you can in the New Year.

Senior League by the Roving Reporters



Sixtieth anniversary

Hyland Crest residents Vera and Walter Stevens celebrated their sixtieth anniversary on December 23. The couple were guests of honour at a reception at the home's auditorium.

Police probe B & Es

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items were taken from the cottage.

A wood stove, propane furnace and a television, were taken December 26 from a cottage on Lovers Road off Highway 121, near Wilberforce.

A 2000 Mach One 700 cc Ski-doo was stolen from in front of a residence on the Fourth Concession of Guilford Township, between 5 and 7 a.m. December 28.

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Public Notice

The Township of Bexley, the Township of Laxton, Digby, and Longford, and the Township of Somerville have formed a Restructuring Committee for the purpose of amalgamation of the three Townships.

Public Meetings will be held on January 8, 2000 at the following times and locations.

Coboconk Lions Hall, Coboconk	9:30 a.m. January 8, 2000
Norland Community Hall, Norland	1:00 p.m. January 8, 2000
Burnt River Somerville Centre, Burnt River	4:00 p.m. January 8, 2000

The purpose of these meetings is to

- receive input from the Public in regard to amalgamation;
- discuss the appointment of a Provincial Commissioner; and
- to provide the public with information why the Townships are proceeding with restructuring.

Please plan to attend one of these meetings to provide the Committee with your comments. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, please forward your written comments to your municipal office to be given to the Restructuring Committee.

Note: Restructuring Committee Meetings are open to the public. The next meetings is scheduled for Friday, January 7, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at the Township of Bexley Municipal Office.

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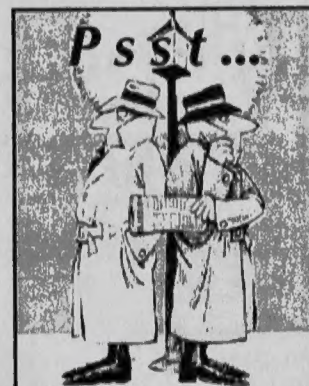
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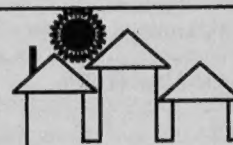
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WOODCOX
Mabel

At Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, December 23, 1999 in her 62nd year. Beloved wife of Herbert Woodcox. Loving daughter of Violet Dovell and the late William Dovell. Dear sister of Roseline MacDuff of Gooderham, Garnet Dovell of Oshawa, Ann Kimmerly of Bobcaygeon, Kenneth Dovell of Haliburton and Charles Dovell of Gooderham. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to call at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Hwy #118, Haliburton (705) 457-9209 on Monday afternoon, December 27, 1999 from 12 o'clock (noon) until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1 o'clock. Spring interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

McCRACKEN
Dora Mae

Passed away peacefully at her farm on Horseshoe Lake on Saturday, December 25th, 1999. In her 86th year. Beloved wife of the late Alvin Bertram McCracken. Dear mother of Eldon and his wife Laureen of Minden, Eleanor and her husband Ron Arbuthnot of Minden, Mary and her husband Dale Trumbull of Carnarvon, Les and his wife Judy of Orangeville. Loving grandmother of nine grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and predeceased by her granddaughter Katherine. A Funeral Service was held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden on Tuesday, December 28th, 1999 at 1 p.m., with visitation one hour prior to the Service. Reception to follow in the Family Centre at the Funeral Home. Spring interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon. Memorial Donations to the Kidney Foundation or to the Diabetic Association would be appreciated.

AT REST

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